

HOUSE RESOLUTION 362

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Edward Barnett Johnson of Fayette County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened and deeply moved to learn of the untimely passing of Edward Barnett Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Fayette County, Mr. Johnson received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and was a graduate of the Cecil C. Humphrey School of Law at the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Edward Johnson served with acumen and alacrity as an attorney in the Somerville area for more than thirty years, in which position he earned the respect of his peers, clients, and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his highly honed sense of justice and keen legal mind, Mr. Johnson rendered astute service as a judge for the Oakland, Somerville, and Bolivar communities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was an active and highly regarded member of his profession; his professional organization memberships included the Tennessee Bar Association, the Fayette County Bar Association, the Board of Professional Responsibility, and the Municipal Attorneys Association; and

WHEREAS, Edward Johnson bravely served with distinction in the United States Army and was combat wounded during the Vietnam War; he was honored for his courage and heroism with the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and the Air Medal Award; and

WHEREAS, a pillar of the community, Mr. Johnson selflessly donated his time and talents to such worthy organizations as the Fayette County School Board and the Somerville Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, Edward Johnson was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of sixteen years, Kathryn Thompson, who survives him, and he was the proud father of Jessica Dent Johnson and Rachel Milnes Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson will also be fondly remembered and sorely missed by his father, N.B. Johnson, his sister, LiAn Rumsey, and his brothers, Paul Johnson and Mike Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Edward Johnson leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Edward Barnett Johnson, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our deepest sympathy and offer our heartfelt condolences to the family of Edward Johnson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.